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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A portable microscope comprising: a stand that is constructed from a first housing shell and a second housing shell; a height-adjustable microscope stage which is carried by the stand; a base part that closes the first and the second housing shell at the bottom, wherein the microscope stage forms a unit from a sample support part, a cylindrical guide part, and a base; the base of the microscope stage carries an illumination module; and wherein the sample support part, the cylindrical guide part, and base are adhesively bonded together into the unit.

Claim 2 (original): The portable microscope as defined in Claim 1, wherein an energy source is provided in the base part of the stand, the energy source being a battery or rechargeable battery.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The portable microscope as defined in Claim 1, wherein a connection socket for an external power supply or for recharging a rechargeable battery is provided on the stand of the microscope.